

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABTRACT

CH&FW – Implementation of Universal Immunization Programme - Constitution of District Adverse Events Following Immunization Committees - Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 26

Dated:25.03.2015.

Read:

From the CH&FW, AP, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.50/JD(CH&I)/2015,
dt.22.02.2015.

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ORDER:

The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad in his letter read above has reported that Immunization is one of the most well-known and effective methods of preventing childhood diseases. With the implementation of the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) by the Government of India, significant achievements have been made in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). Immunization safety has a wide spectrum ranging from vaccine manufacturing & regulation, vaccine safety & quality, safe injections & waste disposal and Adverse Events Following Immunization (Adverse Events Following Immunization) surveillance. An effective immunization safety surveillance system must be able to detect and differentiate the types of Adverse Events Following Immunization in order to prevent their occurrence and/or reduce their impact. The objectives of strengthening Adverse Events Following Immunization reporting at all levels, ensuring maintenance of national policy and standards, and ensure prompt and thorough investigation of serious Adverse Events Following Immunization and periodic review of Adverse Events Following Immunization for trends of Non serious Adverse Events Following Immunizations reported through HMIS Adverse Events Following Immunization committees are to be established at district level. The District Adverse Events Following Immunization committees were constituted earlier in the combined state of AP. They are to be reconstituted as per the revised guidelines which came into existence in 2010 and were communicated by Government of India, since the state of AP is bifurcated and in view of the proposed launch of pentavalent vaccine and subsequent routine immunization he has requested the Govt., to issue necessary orders duly constituting the District Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Committees in the state of AP as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The following are the District wise allotment of the Medical Colleges:

Sl.No.	Name of the Medical College	Allotted to the District
1	Siddartha Medical College, Vijayawada	Krishna
2	SVRR, Tirupathi	Chittoor, Nellore
3	Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool	Kurnool
4	RIMS, Kadapa	Kadapa

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5	Guntur Medial College, Guntur	Guntur
6	RIMS, Ongole	Prakasam
7	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada	East Godavari, West Godavari.
8	Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram
9.	Anantapur Medical College, Anantapur	Anantapur
10	RIMS, Srikakulam	Srikakulam

2. Government after careful examination of the matter in detailed and hereby constitute the district Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) committee with the following members:

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| 1. District Medical & Health Officer, | - | Chairman |
| 2. Epidemiologist/Public Health Specialist | - | Member |
| from the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 3. Pediatrician | - | Member |
| from the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 4. Microbiologist | - | Member |
| From the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 5. Pathologist | - | Member |
| from the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 6. Forensic Expert | - | Member |
| from the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 7. Neurologist | - | Member |
| from the allotted medical College to the District | | |
| 8. Cold Chain Officer | - | Member |
| 9. District Surveillance Officer, IDSP | - | Member |
| 10. Representatives from IAP/IMA | - | Member |
| 11. Representatives from WHO-India | - | Member |
| 12. Representatives from Unicef | - | Member |
| 13. Representative from Drug Control Authority | - | Member |
| 14. Representative from Local Bodies | - | Member |
| 15. District Immunization Officer | - | Member Convener |

3. The Terms of Reference for District Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Committee are as follow.

- To analyse the FIR (First Information Report) and plan for investigation of AEFI as a team
- To provide appropriate information to the drug authority on the important aspects of temporary suspension of the implicated batch of vaccine/logistics.
- To prepare DIR (Detailed Information Report) based on the findings of the investigation of he AEFI.
- To outline the further course of action on the current AEFI.
- To analyse and review the quarterly AEFI data for any programmatic errors and remedial measures for the same including non-serious AEFI cases reported in HMIS.
- To participate in the state/national AEFI committee meeting, if required for causality assessment.
- To support he spokesperson for media communication.

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- Where needed facilitate in incorporating the message of reporting AEFI from all sectors (including private sector).
 - To monitor the timely submission of completed investigation forms (FIR, PIR and DIR) along with supporting documents/medical records.
 - To communicate and share the conclusions and results of investigations with health workers and the community where warranted.
 - Any other responsibility in context to vaccine safety.
4. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L.V. SUBRAHMANYAM,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
All the members in District AEFI Committee thro' Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER